REMARKS

In a previous paper, the Applicant had cancelled claim 2 and added claims 3-78. The Office Action allowed claims 1-33. See Office Action Summary; see id. at 6, ¶ 7. (The Applicant assumes that the Office Action allowed claims 1 and 3-33, and did not allow cancelled claim 2). The Office Action further rejected claims 34, 61, and 70, and objected to claims 35-60, 62-69, and 71-78. See Office Action Summary. With this paper, the Applicant cancels claims 34-78 without prejudice, so that allowed claims 1 and 3-33 remain in the application.

More specifically, the Office Action: (a) rejected claim 34 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 6,757,340 to Jakobsson; (b) rejected claim 61 as obvious under U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 6,091,780 to Sointula and U.S. Patent No. 5,420,592 to Johnson ("Johnson"); (c) rejected claim 70 as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,999,573 to Zangi and Johnson; and (d) objected to claims 35-60, 62-69, and 71-78 as being dependent on a rejected base claim.

Although the Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejections and objections of the claims set forth above, the Applicant cancels claims 34-78 without prejudice and seeks to pursue the allowed claims in this application. The Applicant reserves the right, and presently intends, to pursue the rejected, objected to, and/or other claims in follow-on or other applications and to present arguments with respect to those claims in such applications. Furthermore, the Applicant notes that it does not cancel any claims because of the prior-art rejections and the objections; rather, the Applicant merely cancels those claims to expedite the issuance of the allowed claims.

In sum, the Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests a prompt Notice of Allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, favorable reconsideration and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. No fee is believed to be due, however, should any fees under 37 CFR 1.16-1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account No. 10-1205/SILA:078.

The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the phone number indicated below with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate expeditious and compact prosecution of the application.

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